



County of Riverside  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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STEVE VAN STOCKUM, DIRECTOR

Date: January 22, 2018

System No. 3301989

Alamo Discount Store  
81050 Highway 86  
Thermal, CA 92274

Enclosed is Citation No. 05\_63\_18C\_001 issued to Alamo Discount Store public water system.

Any person who is aggrieved by a Citation issued by the Riverside County LPA may file a petition with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for reconsideration of the Citation. Petitions must be received by the State Water Board within 30 calendar days of the issuance of the Citation. The date of issuance is the date when the Riverside County LPA mails or serves a copy of the Citation, whichever occurs first. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day. Petitions must be received by 5:00 p.m. Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml)

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (760) 863-7570.

Sincerely,

Jackie Jones, REHS  
Environmental Health Specialist



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**CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE – WATER SYSTEM NO. 3301989  
NO. 05\_63\_18C\_001**

Re: Alamo Discount Store  
System No. 3301989

Date: January 22, 2018

To: Bharat Patel  
81050 Hwy 86  
Thermal, CA 92274

Section 116650, Article 9, Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code (H&S Code), authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or any regulation, standard, permit order issued there under.

**VIOLATION**

The Department of Environmental Health (Department), hereby issues a citation to Alamo Discount Store for the following violations:

Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 64432.1. Specifically, Alamo Discount Store failed to sample for Nitrate as N in the calendar year 2017. All public water systems using groundwater shall monitor Nitrate as N annually.

**CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**

This is a Transient, Non-Community water system serving a small market and one trailer for the caretaker. The market is currently 100% prepackaged due to District Environmental Services enforcement activity. The water system source consists of a 6 inch drilled well of unknown depth which is serviced by a submersible pump. The submersible pump delivers water to a 1000 gallon pressure storage tank then out into the distribution system.

**Recent History:**

Alamo Discount Store failed to sample for Nitrate as N in 2017.

Bharat Patel was notified and subsequently submitted a water sample from Alamo Discount Store for Nitrate as N to the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) laboratory on January 18, 2018. CVWD sent the sample to Eurofins Laboratory on January 18, 2018.

## **DIRECTIVES**

Submit the nitrate results to this Department once you have been notified by the laboratory.

Inform the laboratory to EDT water quality data to the State.

Sample the well for Nitrate as N annually. Failure to comply could result in citations with penalty.

This is considered a monitoring and reporting (M&R) violation and requires public notification utilizing the Tier 3 notification method, which is notification to the consumers. All consumers served by this water system must be notified of this violation, as required in Section 64463.4. Attached is a notification form containing the language that is required in Section 64465. The notice must be posted in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system for at least 7 days. The posting must be completed by February 23, 2018. Submit a Proof of Notification to this Department once the notice has been delivered to your water consumers.

## **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

Failure to comply with this notice and/or failure to comply with Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations may result in an administrative office hearing and assessment of administrative penalties. This Department does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (760) 863-7570.



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### **Attachments:**

Tier 2 Monitoring Notice  
Proof of Notification

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Alamo Discount Store

Our water system failed to monitor as required for drinking water standards during the past year and, therefore, was in violation of the regulations. Even though this failure was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 2017, we did not test for Nitrate as N and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.*

#### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do at this time.
- The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how many samples we are required to take and how often, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required Sampling Frequency	Number of Samples Taken	When All Samples Should Have Been Taken	When Samples Were or Will Be Taken
Nitrate as N	1 sample from the well per year	None	2017	Sampled January 18, 2018

- If you have health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

#### What happened? What is being done?

A sample was taken January 18, 2018. Results are pending.

For more information, please contact Bharat Patel at (760) 397-2100.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

### **Secondary Notification Requirements**

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by Alamo Discount Store.

State Water System ID#: 3301989. Date distributed: \_\_\_\_\_.



# **PROOF OF NOTIFICATION**

NAME OF WATER SYSTEM    Alamo Discount Store

WATER SYSTEM NUMBER    3301989

As required by the California Health and Safety Code, this acknowledges that I have notified the users of this water system that the water supplied by Alamo Discount Store failed to sample for nitrate in 2017 which is a violation of the California Safe Drinking Water Standards. The Tier 2 Notice was posted in conspicuous locations throughout the area served and posted for at least 7 days.

This notification was made using the following method(s);

Verbal, to each customer/connection                      Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

Public Posting of Notice    Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or Hand Delivery of a Written Notice                      Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

Public Newspaper or Media    Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Water System Representative